

August 20, 2008

To: Partners in Oral Health

From: Sheila (Semler) Vandenbush

Re: Volunteer's Requested for the Primary and Preventive Dental Health Care Services

Request for Proposal Review

MDCH Oral Health Program is recruiting grant review volunteers to evaluate Primary and Preventive Dental Health Care Services RFPs for FY 2009 funding. We are seeking 3 – 4 review volunteers.

Each RFP review volunteer will be asked to evaluate 3-4 abbreviated applications depending on the number of applications received. Only 1 grant will be funded. The grant will be awarded for a nine (9) month period beginning January 1, 2009. The intent of this funding is to address increased dental access and implementation of an evidence-based dental health promotion/disease prevention program. The grant will provide start-up funding for a dental clinic in an underserved area. The grant can be used for expansion of an existing dental clinic or to assist in developing a new clinic. The abbreviated Primary and Preventive Dental Health Services Grant Application was created specifically for public and non-profit eligible organizations to reduce health barriers and health disparities in Michigan through the establishment of oral health services in dental health professional shortage areas. Bidders should be located within a community-based clinic that offers a full range of healthcare services to populations bearing a disproportionate share of disease and disabilities. The clinic must be established in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).

Review and evaluation materials will be mailed to you on or before September 22, 2008. Please be sure to review and score the RFP before October 3, 2008. On **October 7**, a group review session will be held at the MDCH Washington Square Building, 109 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI in Room 207. **Make certain you bring all of the review materials with you**. The RFP review session is scheduled from **1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**. The RFP utilizes an abbreviated process and the review team will probably be able to complete the review and group consensus scoring in less time. **In order to participate in the review, you must be able to attend the session.** 

Please let me know if you are interested in participating in this very important process as soon as possible. Please complete the response section below and return this document to me via email or fax (preferred) or by U.S. mail to Dr. Sheila Vandenbush: oralhealth@michigan.gov OR FAX 517-335-8697 or 8294 OR MDCH, P.O. Box 30195, Lansing, MI., 48909, ATTN: Oral Health Program/Dr. Vandenbush

If you have any questions or would like additional information please feel free to contact me.

Primary and Preventive Dental Health Care Services RFP Review Volunteer Response
Yes, I am interested in participating in the RFP review and can attend the February 5th team review session.
No, I am not interested in participating in this review session, but would like to be contacted for future grant reviews.
No, I am not interested in participating in this review session and do not wish to be contacted for future grant reviews.
Name:
Organization (if applicable):
Address:
Phone: ( )
e-mail:

## Please return via email, fax or mail by September 5, 2008. Thank you!

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